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FROM: Glenn Sternard *js*SUBJECT: 03144015 - Cook County - Elk Grove Village/Film Recovery
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On April 7, 1983, I accompanied Howard Chinn of the Illinois Attorney General's Office to the first of the trailer lease companies where plastic film chips, generated by Film Recovery are stored. The material is loaded, bulk, in 40' semi-trailers which are stored at various sites, the names of which were supplied by company representatives in previous discussions.

The first company visited was J. Fiorito Leasing, Ltd., 3739 N. Podlin, Franklin Park, Ill. Mr. Fiorito had two trailers containing the blue chips at this site. He also stated that there were two trailers at General Diesel, 2200 Higgins, Elk Grove Village. He stated that he had approximately 34 additional trailers at another site, but refused to disclose the location of them. Mr. Fiorito told us that we would have to be accompanied to this undisclosed storage area, either by him or an employee of Film Recovery. Telephone contact with Film Recovery revealed that no one was available to escort us. (The site apparently was in partial operation) Mr. Fiorito stated that he could not leave his office at this time.

Samples were then obtained from the two trailers on Mr. Fiorito's property as follows:

X205 - 9:00 a.m. from trailer #14542 white with Fiorito marking
X206 - 9:01 a.m. from trailer #40160 white with Fiorito marking

Both trucks were unlocked and approximately 1/2 to 2/3 full with the blue plastic chips. A cyanide odor was noted in the trailers. Mr. Fiorito stated that the trailers had been on site for less than 1 year, and that Film Recovery had not paid rent for approximately the last 4 months.

As we left Fiorito Leasing, Mr. Fiorito stated that if we telephoned after we were finished at General Diesel he may be able to meet us there and bring us to the remaining trailer as they were in the vicinity. We agreed to do so. This telephone call to Mr. Fiorito after completion at General Diesel revealed that Mr. Fiorito was not in his office (approx. 11:00 a.m.).

At General Diesel, 2200 Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, there were several trailers. The employees at General Diesel stated that they knew nothing about the trailers except that the space is rented on a monthly basis. They provided a telephone number for the renter which upon dialing was found to be Film Recovery.

Of the trailers and trucks stored on the west side of General Diesel's property, seven had apparently contained the plastic chips, one of which was still filled.

The filled trailer was sampled:

X207 - 10:20 a.m., trailer #T2093, Gilflex Rental

Trailer was unlocked and 1/2 to 2/3 filled with the blue chips. A strong cyanide odor was noted.

Six other trailers were noted as having residual amounts of the blue chips in them. They are:

- 1) Trailers Unlimited #694, Serial 18391, lic. plate Maine 383-548, with sticker 247047, Exp. 2/79.
- 2) "Holland" #20251, with Fiorito Stickers, no license.
- 3) White color with Fiorito Sticker, lic. plate Maine 340-049, with sticker 245252, Exp. 2/78.
- 4) Dry Storage Corp. #326, 2005 W. 43rd St., Chicago, Serial #R638770.
- 5) Transport Pool #201192, #525, 30 W 031 North Ave., West Chicago, Ill. (312) 293-1670, lic. plate New Jersey TU 408V, with sticker 284993, Exp. 3/83.
- 6) Semi-trailer open top "dump" truck, lic. plate 49781 Illinois, Exp. 6/83. It was subsequently determined that this truck is owned by Jack's Leasing, 866 Virginia Lake Court, Palatine, Ill.

We then proceeded to Trailers Unlimited, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525 (482-3933). This location is the company's corporate office. We spoke with Joe Gaider, Secretary. Mr. Gaider stated that the trailers rented by Film Recovery were located at J's Mobile Semi-Trailer Repair, Inc., 8765 W. Joliet Road, McCook. He further stated that FRS had two trailers in their possession. Film Recovery is approximately 4 months behind in payment to Trailers Unlimited.

We then proceeded to J's Mobile Trailers at the aforementioned address and spoke with John B. Wilkins, the operator of the storage yard. There are 14 trailers on site, all are unlocked and typically were found to contain (1/2-2/3 filled) film pieces. The trailers had been moved in approximately one year ago (March, 1982). Two samples were obtained from trucks on site X208 #G62920 and X209 #8721.

The trucks containing the film chips are as follows:

Trailer Make	Serial #	Trailers Unltd. ID#
Trailmobile	G62920	1005
Highway	65-6132-2	639 .
Trailmobile	C-35462	492
Trailmobile	G62913	1006
Dorsey	80721	1467 w/reefer
Fruehauf	40237	476
Trailmobile	C35829	485
Dorsey	80699	1470 reefer
Fruehauf	MAH 112815	866 & 6011
Highway	63-4339-24	1472
Dorsey	80666	1468 reefer
Railroad	M64-0780	301
Dorsey	30694	1469 reefer
Trailmobile	K33560	625

At the above site, Howard Chinn and I were joined by Trooper Zipsie and Cpl. Underwood of Illinois State Police. They accompanied us for the remainder of the day.

We then proceeded to Fast Motor Express in McCook in order to determine if they had any Film Recovery material in storage. Owner, Jerry Cosentino stated that he had no such material and no commodities stored in trailers on site.

The next company having trailers in their possession was Eagle Trailer, Inc. located at 7710 W. 57th St., Summit, Illinois 60501. We spoke with Tom Lawson, owner. Mr. Lawson stated that Film Recovery was about 6-8 months behind in payment. He further stated that most trailers had been in their possession for approximately 2 years. The trailers had been moved from a Western Ave. location in Chicago in the interim period when Eagle moved to its present location. Locks had been placed on a number of trucks by Film Recovery. Finally, these trucks had been removed and returned empty "recently".

Two samples were obtained from the trucks:

X210 Highway 6662 1-48

X211 Dorsey 4075

Corrosion was noted, as with previous site's trucks, along the bottoms of the sides of the trailers and a "cyanide" odor was apparent.

The trucks are as follows:

Manufacturer	Serial #	Eagle #
Kentucky	32235	
Brown	M701652	
Strick	113519	
Pine	N/A	
Eagle	167173	#4075
Highway	66-6267-48	
Dorsey	N/A	
Kentucky	89426	
Theurer	N11363	
Kentucky	87536	
Highway	66-6267-9	
N/A	59423	
Strick	B20096	
Pines	N/A	
Great Dane	35942	
Pines (Monon)	011764	
Strick? (Sawyer 135)	N/A	
Theurer	N/A	EV 4014
Strick	G358122	EV 4078
N/A	N/A	EV 407
Trailmobile	H61195	
Theurer?	N/A	EV 4048
N/A	HPH102301	EV 4041
Dorsey	P589034	EV 4038
Gindy (reblt)	N/A	EV 4039
Strick	113659	EV 4082
Strick	N/A	EV 4062

Kentucky	34740	
Strick	B6361	
Strick	61441	EV 4108
Strick	B3613	
Great Dane	33330	EV 401
Strick	N/A	EV 4110
Miller	R9132	
Fruehauf	N/A	
Fruehauf	?-43921	
Fruehauf	N/A	

All trailers parked closely in a fenced area.

We finally stopped at Livco, 6700 W. 103rd, Chicago Ridge, and spoke with Gary Bahr. Cpl. Underwood did not accompany us to this location. Mr. Bahr stated that most trailers were locked and had been on site for approximately 1 year. He further stated that the company was 3-5 months behind in payments.

Two samples were obtained from 2 different trucks:

X213 - #34, Great Dane, #25598

X214 - #505, Strick, #130196

The following trucks containing Film Recovery waste were on site:

Manufacturer	Serial	Livco #
Brown	M637391	175
Fruehauf	AVF344089	160
Fruehauf	AVC677637	132
Monon	10251	155
Strick	130198	506
Brown	M637046	180
Highway	687379-17	120
Strick	130191	504
Brown	M637330	183
Strick	101314	412

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Trailmobile	F61546	348
Strick	P562317	97
Fruehauf	AVC677533	121
Fruehauf	FWE306852	101
Strick	130196	505
Great Dane	25598	34
Dorsey	55482	110
Fruehauf	AVB572601	192

The samples obtained during this day's investigation were delivered to the IEPA Chicago Lab on 3/8/83 by Bonnie Eleder of this office. Samples X205 - X213 inclusive.

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cc: Northern Region
Joe Drazik, Assistant Attorney General